

Scalia and thank him for his service to the Supreme Court and the country.

Justice Scalia was a first-generation American, and his life was a testament to the American dream. A student of history and the law, Antonin Scalia had a commitment to public service that culminated in his appointment as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan in 1986.

Justice Scalia served on the Court for almost 30 years and in that time made many important contributions to our legal system. While he had firm convictions, he also loved people and never let ideas get in the way of friendship, most notably with fellow Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith once said: "Public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation."

Justice Scalia believed in that complete dedication. Our thoughts and prayers remain with his family at this time, and we thank him and them for his service.

REMEMBERING SHANE N. YATES

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Shane N. Yates. Shane was the executive director of the Ohio Society of Association Executives. Shane had a fierce commitment to his organization and his profession. Shane had a relentless drive to serve all those he represented and lead all whom he worked with.

Shane was a graduate of Ashland University and earned his certificate in nonprofit executive leadership from Indiana University. Shane was also a chapter adviser for his fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi; a past board member for Meeting Professionals International Ohio Chapter; and a volunteer for the United Way of Central Ohio.

A passionate and high-energy executive with more than 15 years of achievement in association leadership, Shane was named a 40 Under 40 honoree in 2014 by the Association Forum of Chicagoland and USAE. While serving as the director, Shane helped the Ohio Society of Association Executives achieve many milestones while never settling with the status quo.

Shane N. Yates will forever leave a mark on the Ohio Society of Association Executives and all who knew him.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO GORDON STONER

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Gordon Stoner, a wheat grower from Outlook, MT, on his newly elected position serving as the president of the National Wheat Association of Wheat Growers, NAWG.

Gordon comes from a long history of farming, managing his own fourth-generation farm near Outlook. Stoner

Farms practices no-till farming techniques and grows lentils, corn, oil seeds, flax, peas, and durum, a high-protein variety of hard wheat that is a rare crop raised in select parts of the world.

Gordon has expressed enthusiasm about NAWG's plan to partner with organizations in an effort known as the National Wheat Action Plan to help come up with new strategies for bringing the wheat industry back to increased profitability.

Gordon has also served in leadership roles with his church, Montana Grain Growers Association, served as chairman of U.S. Wheat Associates Joint International Trade Policy Committee and as director and chairman of NAWG.

Our great State depends on farmers, ranchers, and producers who contribute greatly to the flourishing of our rural communities. On behalf of Montana, I thank Gordon Stoner for his paramount leadership and look forward to seeing the positive impact he continues to have on the wheat industry.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARK FOLEY

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Dr. Mark Foley, who has served with great distinction and honor at the University of Mobile for more than 17 years. Dr. Foley has served as president of the University of Mobile since 1998 and is the third president of the university since its founding in 1961. He will be retiring from his post on July 31, 2016.

Dr. Foley came to the University of Mobile during a critical transitional time and led the school through a period of significant growth. Under his guidance, the university has flourished. Facilities have been updated, the school is on more solid financial footing, and programs and the stature of the university have improved.

During his time at the University of Mobile, Dr. Foley led the university to invest \$44.8 million in capital projects, including a recent \$7 million campus enhancement program that thoroughly revitalized the campus. Under Dr. Foley's leadership, the university gained national recognition from U.S. News & World Report, America's Best Christian Colleges, America's Best College Buys, and many more.

Dr. Foley helped to integrate a Christian worldview into all aspects of academics, campus life, and university operations at this quality Baptist-affiliated institution. The university now has more than 1,500 students enrolled in over 40 undergraduate and graduate programs.

A former truckstop operator, Dr. Foley was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1990 after receiving his master of divinity degree from the New Orleans seminary. He received his doctorate from that same institution in 1992 and completed postdoctoral studies in education. Though the university was struggling with a variety of finan-

cial problems when Dr. Foley took over in 1998, he turned the school around. The University of Mobile has continued to thrive under Dr. Foley's tenure.

As a native of Mobile, AL, it has been my honor to work with Dr. Foley and witness the great accomplishments he has achieved at the University of Mobile. His hard work and genuine passion for higher education is apparent and the students of the University of Mobile will miss his leadership. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done for the university, for Mobile, and for Alabama.

I thank the Chair.●

REMEMBERING SHILOH FOREST SUNDSTROM

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the contribution of a young Oregonian whose life was cut far too short, but whose impact will stay with my State forever.

Shiloh Forest Sundstrom, a young leader in the field of conservation-based rural development, was tragically killed by a hit-and-run driver in November at age 34.

Shiloh was a child of Oregon. He was born in the coastal mountains of western Lane County and lived much of his life enjoying all that rural upbringing had to offer. He loved the horses and cows on his parents' ranch and attended school in the small town of Mapleton.

A gifted student, Shiloh was his high school class valedictorian in 2000 and was accepted to Brandeis University. As an undergraduate, he spent a semester abroad at the School for Field Studies in Kenya, where he saw that the struggles of rural communities in Kenya paralleled the problems facing rural Oregon communities.

Studying the ways in which the Maasai people of Kenya struggled to balance their efforts to maintain a traditional resource-based economy while benefiting from wildlife conservation and tourism, Shiloh saw that the positive lessons being learned there could be applied back home in Oregon.

After graduating with honors from Brandeis, Shiloh came back to his beloved Oregon for his master's degree in forestry at Oregon State University. He then moved to the geography department to work toward a doctorate and returned to Kenya several times to pursue his research.

However, Shiloh was much more than a gifted student. He had the rare ability to take his research out of the classroom and work to implement positive change in the broader world. His work with the Siuslaw Institute, founded by his father John Sundstrom, and with the Siuslaw Watershed Council, injected a reasonable approach to often contentious natural resource issues, always with a focus on positive outcomes.

Shiloh always strived for success through collaboration—what I like to call the Oregon way. He was involved

in the Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition, RVCC, a network that seeks common ground between diverse interests on conservation-based challenges facing rural areas in the West.

Shiloh's deep ties to rural Oregon, his stellar scholarship, and his world-wide experience gave him a uniquely powerful voice in demonstrating that conservation and economic development can go hand in hand.

The powerful outpouring of sadness at his death shows how deeply Shiloh impacted his community. The lessons that he taught and his leadership will not be forgotten. Shiloh's thoughtful, collaborative approach, his love of the land, and his dreams of a better world will live on in everyone he touched in the short time we were blessed to know him.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4664. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluopyram; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9943-21-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4665. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; and Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Revisions to Establish Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Programs" (FRL No. 9943-43-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4666. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Base Year Emission Inventories for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9943-46-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4667. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Recovery and State Grants, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Designation of Critical Habitat for Lower Columbia Coho Salmon and Puget Sound Steelhead; Final Rule" (RIN1018-BB28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4668. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Third Report to Congress: Highlights of the Diesel Emissions Reduction Program"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4669. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2015 report of the Department of Health and Human Services' Federal Coordinated Health Care Office; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4670. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2016-0323); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4671. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2016-0324); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4672. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's response to the GAO report entitled "WATER AND SANITATION ASSISTANCE: USAID Has Increased Strategic Focus but Should Improve Monitoring"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4673. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2017" ((RIN0938-AS57) (CMS-9937-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-133. A petition by a citizen from the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to propose, for ratification by special conventions held within the individual states, an amendment to the United States Constitution which would require that at least one of the two houses of Congress approve, by majority vote of all members elected and serving in that body, a reprieve or pardon granted by the President of the United States to a person earlier having been properly found guilty of committing an offense against the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-134. A petition by a citizen from the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to propose, for ratification by special conventions held within the individual states, an amendment to the United States Constitution which would authorize Congress, by a simple majority vote in both houses thereof, to nullify an Executive Order of the President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1443. A bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from di-

verse Federal sources, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-225).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. ALEXANDER for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2655. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the historic rehabilitation tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2656. A bill to prohibit air carriers from imposing fees that are not reasonable and proportional to the costs incurred by the air carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 2657. A bill to require consultations on reuniting Korean Americans with family members in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Ms. AYOTTE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2658. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2016 through 2017, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2659. A bill to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection Agency cannot regulate vehicles used solely for competition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. BROWN):

S. Res. 394. A resolution recognizing the 195th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 395. A resolution supporting the designation of March 2016, as "National